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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balance to adequate and were confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were limited to short for the moderate to good demand. Spent hens were mostly sufficient to at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers were higher for large and small with the balance of prices unchanged although continuing to trend higher for next week. Trade sentiment was firm all sizes. Catoned egg sales were good with loose movement continuing moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60	LARGE 47-56 51
LARGE	53-62	55-58	MEDIUM 28-34 32
MEDIUM	44-53	46-49	SMALL 15-19

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate to balanced for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for a moderate to good demand. Schedules were reported as normal to reduced. Spent hens were mostly sufficient to at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-66
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	46-59	51-53

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged but trending higher on all sizes for next week. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg sales were usually fairly good to good. Food service demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to balanced on all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to sharply higher. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good with offerings continuing tight to short of needs. Floor stocks were tight to inadequate. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	50.5-59	52-55

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand continued moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to in balance for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited for a moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were mostly adequate to at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-69	63-66
LARGE	56-67	61-64
MEDIUM	48.5-56	49-53

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were 1 cents higher on larger sizes, unchanged on mediums when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment entering the weekend was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs on medium eggs, however larger sizes were in close balance and continued held with confidence.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	60-64

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	50-58	51-53

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo, 13 cents higher on extra large and large, and 2 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and in confident hands.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo, 13 cents higher on extra large and large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held for top prices. Small benchmark price 70.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	98
MEDIUM	90

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-299
EXTRA LARGE	249-279
LARGE	199-249
MEDIUM	189-209

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	89-97
EXTRA LARGE	87-96
LARGE	85-88
MEDIUM	77-80

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged to sharply higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good with offerings continuing tight to short of needs. Floor stocks were tight to inadequate with some schedules reduced for next week. Trade sentiment firm. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE MOSTLY	
BREAKING STOCK	38-40	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-30	25-27
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were sharply higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was still fully steady to firm as offerings were reported as limited and usually held with confidence. Demand was moderate to good. Overall, floor stocks were barely adequate to adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21-Oct-2006 were 1% lower than a week earlier, and 3% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE MOSTLY	
BREAKING STOCK	31-38	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-28	22-25
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** -W/E 21-Oct-06  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,288,032	32,922	11,187	5,887	1,781	4,306
PW	1,305,402	32,403	11,915	6,302	2,296	4,498
LY	1,355,495	34,198	11,910	6,599	3,328	4,645
% PW	-1%	2%	-6%	-7%	-22%	-4%
% LY	-5%	-4%	-6%	-11%	-46%	-7%
2006	54,489,469	1,341,138	507,578	268,310	118,516	183,464
2005	55,262,698	1,307,103	538,710	288,554	124,580	186,492
% YTD	-1%	3%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.16	42.22	42.31
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.82	38.78	38.88

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	600,338	46.6%	17,500	53.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	603,292	46.2%	17,139	52.9%
LAST YEAR	578,627	42.7%	16,336	47.8%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 31.5 to 34 cents fob. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk and steady to fully steady for whites. Offerings were tight to short for whole egg and yolk and usually adequate for whites. Demand was good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good to instances good for whites. Breaking stock prices were sharply higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	49	26-39	31.65	4.45
WHITES	14	25-29.75	28.38	-1.12
YOLKS	17	32.5-42	36.46	3.44

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged 4 cents higher with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with salted yolk 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, fully steady for sugared yolk, and generally steady on the balance of frozen products. Demand was reported as seasonal and was rated as fair to fairly good for all products with the exception of salted yolk which showed slow demand. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were sharply higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE MOSTLY	
WHOLE	44-50	44-47
WHITES	44-52	44-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-57	52-53
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-52	48-50

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on sugar yolks, and unchanged to higher on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light on salt yolks, fair to moderate on whites, and moderately good on whole and sugar yolks. Supplies were clearing but still adequate for most trade needs. Undertone was usually steady on salt yolks, steady to full steady on whites and sugar yolks, at least fully steady to occasionally firm on whole. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21-Oct-2006 were 6% less than the previous week, and 11% lower than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE MOSTLY		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	40-50	41-47	47-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	41-55	43-49	48-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-57	53-57	57-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	47-52	47-50	52-66
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.			

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 3 cents higher on whole, 1 cent higher on salt yolk, and unchanged on whites and sugar yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/21 was 8% less than the previous week. Frozen demand improved and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point

(cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-53
WHITES	48-51
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole and blends, and generally trending higher on albumen and yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings usually about adequate to adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady on yolks, fully steady on blends and firm on whole and albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Oct-2006 were 22% less than the previous week, and 46% lower than a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5% below a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.35-1.70	MOSTLY	1.50-1.60
YOLKS	1.18-1.48	MOSTLY	1.19-1.30
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.05-3.40	MOSTLY	3.08-3.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.22-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 20, 2006-OCT 26, 2006

CURRENT LOADS			87.00		FUTURE LOADS			57.00		TOTAL LOADS		144.00			
SE			NE		MW			SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	47.83	49.50	45.80	48.38	—	—	31.00	GNR W 1	—	52.33	—	—	—	—	16.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	63.33	64.67	55.00	—	5.00	GL W J	58.92	70.00	—	—	61.00	66.74	6.75
GL W XL	61.50	62.33	56.00	63.40	53.86	54.87	46.75	GL W XL	50.50	66.50	—	—	—	66.21	20.50
GL W LG	—	53.73	53.00	56.60	52.84	61.00	46.25	GL W LG	46.50	57.25	—	57.00	—	63.78	28.25
GL W MD	45.00	42.00	38.33	40.67	35.00	—	9.75	GL W MD	35.83	50.00	—	—	—	44.25	6.00
GL W SM	32.00	35.00	24.25	26.13	—	—	5.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.00	32.00	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	73.00	—	2.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	86.00	—	90.00	1.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.11	40.00	9.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	33.00	—	—	—	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mostly adequate to at least adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	6-12	9-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for ample offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings usually adequate to cover needs. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light moderate. Offerings lighter.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.50	64.00	52.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	51.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	47.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	63.50	53.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	63.03	61.67	51.11

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 21-Oct-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,068	1,532	2,600
Last Week	1,008	1,538	2,546
Same week yr ago	1,060	1,515	2,575
To-date/2006	45,819	62,416	108,235
To-date/2005	60,904	59,610	120,514

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	36	3	39
Last Week	90	4	94
Same week yr ago	229	0	229
To-date/2006	6,406	38	6,444
To-date/2005	10,920	60	10,980

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,104	1,535	2,639
Last Week	1,098	1,542	2,640
Same week yr ago	1,289	1,515	2,804
To-date/2006	52,225	62,454	114,679
To-date/2005	71,824	59,670	131,494

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-****U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 14, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	453	407	9,022	14,434
Frozen	0	0	172	59
Dried	48	69	580	647
Total	501	476	9,774	15,140

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 14, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	103	142	3,121	5,761
Frozen	7	0	887	562
Dried	0	0	66	371
Total	110	142	4,074	6,694

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 14, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	163
Extra Large	1,050	2,580	71,841	180,038
Large	5,070	6,879	140,884	309,791
Medium	1,620	2,550	71,292	101,567
Ungraded	13,680	5,220	168,038	158,830
Misc	0	0	6,975	8,053
Total	21,420	17,229	459,180	758,442

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	10/23/06	3,252	88,310	64,083
AM	10/01/06	3,290	103,507	66,894
CHG		-38	-15197	-2811
PCT CHG		-1%	-15%	-4%

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****September Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.42 billion during September 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.38 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 977 million were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2006 averaged 343 million, up slightly from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up slightly from September 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2006, totaled 343 million, up slightly from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2006, averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from October 1, 2005.

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 21-OCT-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	186.3	0	-4
East North Central	618.8	3	-1
West North Central	283.2	1	1
South Atlantic	185.7	0	-3
South Central	57.7	-7	-8
West	200.4	5	-1
Total	1532.1	2	-1
Matched Plants reporting		82	82

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

MOVEMENT OF LOGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS				
W/E 21-OCT-2006	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Consuming Centers				
Atlanta	27.3	27.3	0	4
Boston	2.9	3.2	-9	-3
Chicago	68.3	71.8	-5	-25
Detroit	16.9	16.9	0	-36
Kansas City	2.8	2.8	0	-40
Los Angeles	104.2	108.6	-4	-11
New Orleans	5.5	4.6	20	-2
New York	27.1	26.1	4	-17
St. Louis	18.4	20.0	-8	12
San Francisco	17.6	17.6	0	-10
Total	291.0	298.9	-3	-15
4 Week Moving Avg.	280.5			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Oct 24, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	121	114	73	51
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	115-119	107-111	67-71	44-48
MOSTLY	117-118	109-110	69-70	46-47
RHODE ISLAND	120-124	113-117	72-76	50-54
MOSTLY	120	113	72	50
VERMONT	121	114-115	73-75	-
MOSTLY	-	114	73	-

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